

THE ADVOCATE.

HORSE AND TRACK.

Geers expects McEwen to trot a mile in 2:12 next year.

Three of the races at the Rhode Island State Fair were won by Alcervon's get.

Russia is the only stallion in Ohio that ever had a two-year-old record better than 2:30 in a race.

Ed. Geers has finally decided to drive for J. C. Hamlin for three years, salary \$5,000 per year.

Seven trotters by Young Wilkes have entered the 2:30 list this year.

Don J. Leathers, one of the owners of Monbars, has refused an offer of \$75,000 for Monbars, 2:18.

Egbert has put three in the 2:20 list this year; Egthorne, 2:13; Temple Bar, 2:17; Illinois Egbert, 2:20.

Guy Wilkes has now two sons that have sired 2:30 performances. They are Guy K. and Sable Wilkes.

Abe Downing has now three of his get with records better than 2:16. They are Pat Downing, 2:13; Pennant, 2:15; and Chronometer, 2:15.

Now is the time to take up the colts and see that they are carefully prepared for the winter. See that they are in good shape; that their feet are trimmed properly, and that they get enough strong food to keep in flesh.

All true lovers of trotting horses are delighted with the willingness of the owners of the "cracks" this year to meet and settle their horses' merits in a race. This is as it ought to be. The trotting king or queen should not be hedged by any sort of divinity that will keep them from meeting in a race those who have shown themselves "worthy of their steel." This is a race year. We want race horses, and race records are the ones that are going to "talk" with breeders in the future.

The natural gaited trotter that goes without an armful of boots and a box of weights always has his speed. He trots as a sucker, as yearling and on up until he arrives at maturity. While he may not always be fast when called upon, he does what he can in good style if he is not spoiled by improper balancing or driven off his gait. It is the rough gaited trotter that comes out late in life and aided by man's ingenuity learns to go fast. Do not look for the latter, however, to prove a glowing success in the stud, as they are the source of foul gaited youngsters and bills with those that supply turf goods. A trotting gaited sire gets trotting gaited colts because he has no other way of going to transmit.

No season has eclipsed the present one in the matter of two-year-olds. In fact, there has never been on the turf at one time three such youngsters as Monbars, 2:18; Arion, 2:21; and Ralph Wilkes, 2:21. They were sired respectively by Fast Park, Electioneer and Red Wilkes. These stallions may properly be called a developed sire, although Eagle Bird with his record of 2:21 is the only one of the three that is standard by performance. It is an unquestioned fact, however, that when Electioneer was in his prime he could show a quarter almost any time in 35 seconds and Red Wilkes has a record of 2:40, made when he was a big overgrown four-year-old colt, and after that season he was not handled with a view to reduce his record. Another thing that should not escape attention is the blood lines of the dams of these three remarkable two-year-old trotters. Monbars is out of Lady Maud, 2:18; she by General Knox, 2:31. The dam of Arion is a sister to Woodnut, 2:16; and Manon, 2:21, they being by Natwood, 2:18. Ralph Wilkes is from a mare by Mambrino Patchen, and that horse was a brother to Lady Thorn, 2:18. In the pedigrees of all three of these wonderful young trotters the records cluster thickly and the lesson taught by their blood lines is apparent.

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